

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 17-21 and 29-45 stand allowed.

Claims 6 and 28 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims. By this amendment, Claims 6 and 28 have been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of their respective base claims and any intervening claims. As such, Claims 6 and 28 stand allowable.

Claim 7 has been amended to depend from allowable Claim 6. Claim 12 has also been amended to depend from allowable Claim 6. Accordingly, Claims 7-16 now stand allowable since they depend directly, or indirectly, from allowable Claim 6.

Claim 27 has been amended to depend from allowable Claim 28 and is therefore allowable.

Claims 1 and 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Huang et al. (U.S. 6,373,832 B1). While Applicants maintain their disagreement with the Examiner regarding the allowability of Claims 1 and 22, they are desirous to obtain a patent at the earliest possible date. Accordingly, Applicants have canceled Claims 1 and 22 from the present application but reserve the right to file a continuation application in which they will further prosecute the subject matter of Claims 1 and 22.

Claims 2-5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 23 and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Huang et al. (U.S. 6,373,832 B1). While Applicants

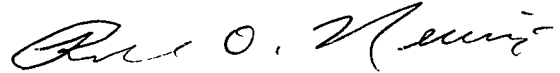
maintain their disagreement with the Examiner regarding the allowability of Claims 2-5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 23 and 24, they are desirous to obtain a patent at the earliest possible date. Accordingly, Applicants have canceled Claims 2-5, 23 and 24 from the present application but reserve the right to file a continuation application in which they will further prosecute the subject matter of Claims 2-5, 23 and 24. Claims 7, 8, 10 and 11 have been amended to depend from allowable Claim 6 and are therefore allowable. Nonetheless, Applicants reserve the right to further pursue Claims 7, 8, 10 and 11 in the form they were in prior to this amendment in a continuation application.

Claims 9 and 12-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Huang et al. (U.S. 6,373,832 B1). While Applicants maintain their disagreement with the Examiner regarding the allowability of Claims 9 and 12-16 in their present form, they are desirous to obtain a patent at the earliest possible date. Accordingly, Applicants have amended Claim 9 and 12-16 to depend directly, or indirectly, from allowable Claim 6. Nonetheless, Applicants reserve the right to further pursue Claims 7, 8, 10 and 11 in the form they were in prior to this amendment in a continuation application.

Claims 25-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Greenstein et al. (U.S. 6,131,016). While Applicants maintain their disagreement with the Examiner regarding the allowability of Claims 25-27, they are desirous to obtain a patent at the earliest possible date. Accordingly, Applicants have canceled Claims 25 and 26 from the present application but reserve the right to file a continuation application in which they will further prosecute the subject matter of Claims 25 and 26. Claim 27 has been amended to depend from allowable Claim 28 and is therefore allowable.

Claims 17-21 and 29-45 stand allowed. Claims 6-16, 27 and 28 stand allowable. Applicants respectfully requests allowance of the application as the earliest possible date.

Respectfully submitted,

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